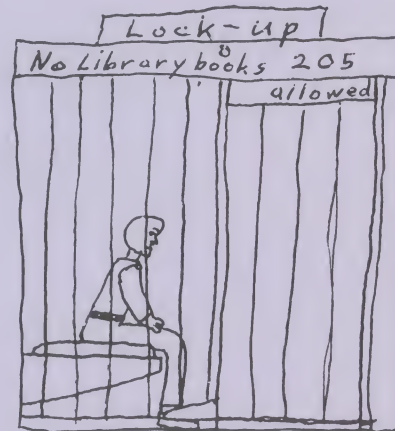
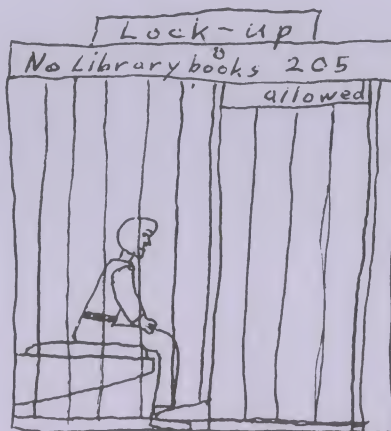
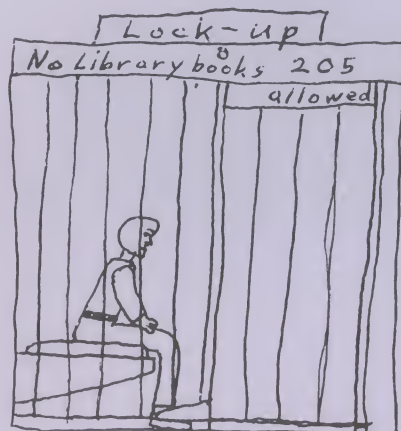


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PRISON BOOK FIGHTS CAGED "JUSTICE"

We'd like to thank Prison Book Collective members Steffi Wright, Fran Roznowski, Terry Bosworth (Worthy Bean), Natalie Diffloth and Mike Riegle.

Keeping things the way they are is the main reason for prisons. They are a bottom line—a threat to all of us. Leave the property relations in this society as they are, or you'll be caged. ("When poor people take things, it's called stealing. When well-off people take things, it's called profits.") By far, most people in prison are there for "crimes against property."

The irony, where the Left is concerned, is that we care so little about this "criminal (in)justice" business. We leave it almost entirely to right wing "law and order" babblers. As if "civil rights" (law), which we all claim to have an interest in, were somehow not an integral part of "criminal (in)justice" (law). We are able, somehow, to be suspicious of the Justice Department for its

obvious racism, sexism, homophobia and middle-upper-class bias, on the one hand; and on the other feel, "Well, if they're in prison, they must be there for something!" Indeed, they are there for something. But we have chosen not to know what those reasons are, really. We just don't take an interest in "criminal (in)justice". Why is that? Why do we think civil rights (employment, housing, accommodations, etc.) so important, and criminal justice so unworthy of movement attention. If you did look, you would see the close correlation between imprisonment and unemployment, homelessness, the sexist-racist-homophobic "attitudes" most of us have to live with, etc.

Ironic, no? That even as homelessness is on the rise, so is imprisonment: choose your poison—the streets or the cages. And why *have* drugs become such a big deal (again)? As they were in the '60s? What are the forces between their trafficking (availability) and their regulation (imprisonment)? This is why the prison population has begun to sky-

rocket in these last ten years. It has almost doubled since 1980. Something is rotten here in the Land of Opportunity. It deserves some attention, don't you think? Books, for instance.

Kinds of Prisoner Support

A large proportion of the people in prison are there because of our attitude (fear, distrust, etc.) toward giving them jobs and housing when they get out—so they often end up getting back in. Education, job training and shelter are things we seem to assume are available to all who are coming out of prison; available "enough", at least, so that we don't feel the need to do some organizing around these needs: to reduce the crime rate, to give people at or near the bottom of the social "scale" a minimal chance. Many of us have skills and information to offer that would be helpful.

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Prison Book Program's History

Prison Book Program was started in 1972 by members of the collective of the Red Book Store in Central Square, Cambridge. Since that time, we have been sending free political literature, otherwise unavailable through prison libraries or other outside sources to prisoners throughout the country. Prison Book was begun to provide the resources of Red Book Store free to people warehoused in prison with two ideas in mind: to make reading materials available to people who could not otherwise obtain them and to provide a network of communication between people outside and people inside the prison.

The initial concept of the program sprang from the early prisoners' rights movement. As Prison Book Program grew and became an organization independent of the Red Book Store, and then a non-profit organization, it became clear that we were doing more than simply providing a political book club for prisoners. The organizing that took place inside the prisons to better conditions and educate the public to the failures of the prison system as a whole had its roots in the study by prisoners of the politics of the society at large. Among the most often requested books were writings by Malcolm X and George Jackson. Books and newspapers brought in new ideas and fostered ties between prisoners and prisoner rights activists "on the streets".

As Prison Book Program became known in prisons around the country, we began to get requests from prisoners just beginning to learn to read. We began expanding the range of books we send to include basic reading texts, math books and GED high school equivalency materials in order to address what was obviously a great need among those incarcerated. More recently, we've been sending out many more books in Spanish and Spanish/English dictionaries. The letters we receive in Spanish often state that we are the only vehicle for prisoners to receive books in their native language. Others ask for "English as a Second Language" materials. For many, we are the only source of education.

We also began to get requests from prisoners in Massachusetts—Norfolk and Walpole in particular—who had organized classes to supplement those in prison school. As tutoring programs from the outside were cut, along with the constant cutback of all programs in prison, many prisoners decided that while they struggled to restore programs, they would also conduct study groups. The literature sent in by Prison Book Program has greatly helped in these efforts.

Prison Book Program today remains independent, non-profit and operating out of the basement of the Red Book Store, 92 Green St. in Jamaica Plain. We meet Monday evenings and an occasional Sunday to answer requests for books. Typically, we are

three months behind and so we are always looking for people to join in our efforts to catch up. We have a strong commitment, both to provide literature for use in direct organizing and to provide basic literary needs. Prison Book Program is one of the few programs providing non-sectarian, political literature. We also just like providing "a good book" to stimulate the hearts and minds of thousands of incarcerated men and women throughout the country and to keep them from going stir-crazy.

As the prison population continues to increase, and crime, particularly reported escalated use of drug and drug related crimes, are a center of media focus, there is an increasingly lessened interest in the political and personal rights of prisoners. Prisoners are being used to help society forget how imbalanced our economic structure has become by shifting the focus from the increased realities of poverty to the increase in crime. Unfortunately, although not surprisingly, there are fewer resources available for the increased prison population. Prison libraries are often non-existent and for those that do exist, the materials do not help prisoners gain a sense of the real politics of life or an understanding of who they are or of the histories of their people. Within Prison Book, we have continued to see more requests from prisoners and more restrictions from the prison administrations, yet, our ability to attract new members, to receive books, and to receive the necessary funds have limited our abilities to efficiently fill these requests. To help reduce the overwhelming number of requests that remain unfilled, we have created a "How To Start a Books For Prisoners Project" manual.

Running Prison Book Program is a relatively easy task. We generally meet once each week for 3-4 hours to send out books. Other tasks like mailing the books, getting envelopes, doing book trades, soliciting donations, dealing with the prison administrations and getting people to help us are done at other times. Our budget is minimal, as our space has been donated from Red Book and Red Sun; we function mostly from the grant received from the Haymarket People's Fund. Other prison book programs would not only help alleviate the stress of always trying to catch up, but also would help reach out to the hundreds of thousands of prisoners who have not yet connected with us, prisoners cut off from reading materials that would keep them a part of society. If you are interested in starting a Prison Book Program or know someone who is, please contact us.

Censorship

Unfortunately, not all the books we send out to prisoners reach them. "Contraband" books are not let in. "Contraband" is whatever a particular prison administration defines as such, and there are differences from prison to prison. Tehachapi, CA, for example, won't allow any hard cover book. A whole slew of state systems won't allow

Maybe You Have Books for Prison Book

Prison Book always needs donated books. Prisoners most often request dictionaries and Spanish/English dictionaries, books on African-American and Latin American culture, history, and politics. Perhaps you have some worthy books in your house looking for new life or perhaps you are taking a course using reading material relevant to prisoners. These books could help a prisoner change his or her consciousness or could help them stay sane during incarceration in solitary confinement. Call Mike Riegle at 426-4469 to make arrangements to donate books.

any used books: Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Nebraska, and Oregon. Some prisons are more restrictive than others when it comes to letting in sexually explicit material.

There are other arbitrary restrictions. Frontera, CA refuses books packaged in padded envelopes. Starke, FL requires that titles of books to be sent in be submitted for pre-approval. Other prisons limit the number of books allowed per book package to two or three. What we can't know is how many books are refused and not returned to us, but "lost" in the prison mail room waste basket. Some prisoners will write back to us to say they haven't received anything from us. But more prisoners must just never hear from us and figure that we weren't for real. It is frustrating because we operate under such limits—limited books, limited money for postage, limited volunteer help. When arbitrary rules limit what we can do, it's just a slap in the face.

When packages are returned to us, a reason for the return may be given or there may be no reason given. Sometimes we have to remove a used book or a book dealing with homosexuality. We send the package off again. Sometimes we hold the package while we wait to hear from the prisoner with an explanation. A common reason for returns is that the prisoner is in "administrative segregation" (solitary confinement). It is wrong, but nonetheless true, that prisoners are denied book packages in solitary. When they are returned to "general population" (regular cell-blocks) they write to us and we can send them the books. Over the years, we have seen an increase in repressive tactics which interfere with allowing books in. Prison Book Program has played a role in civil actions and lawsuits regarding these forms of censorship in jails and prisons.

Prison Book Resource List for Prisoners

We came upon the idea for a prisoner resource list because of the large and ongoing number of prisoners requesting information regarding legal/self-help resources,

prisoner support organizations, newspapers and journals that maintain free or low-cost subscriptions for prisoners, publications that accept penpal listings from prisoners, book titles and programs, and information on AIDS/safer sex. Prison Book's resource list for prisoners is the only monthly-updated list of its kind in the country. The few lists of any kind that exist (all of which are sadly out of date) do not reach nearly as many prisoners on a regular basis as ours. Prison administrations make available no such list to prisoners.

All the information included in the resource list is useful and important in assisting prisoners to organize, educate and help themselves, but we would like to stress the significance of the safer sex information and other AIDS education resources we include. Prisoners are among the hardest hit group living with AIDS. Prisons are "breeding grounds" for AIDS because of prevalent unsafe sex and needle use practices and the lack of serious AIDS education. Unfortunately, cooperation with prison officials in the area of AIDS education is difficult, as prison authorities are in the position of not wanting to admit that needle use and unsafe sex are common in their prisons, and even more unwilling to provide the means for these to happen with any reasonable safety. Prison Books sends this list out to between 100 and 150 prisoners per week. The safer sex information we enclose is tucked in with other similar-looking text; it is usually able to bypass inspection by prison officials and reach prisoners.

The number of people incarcerated in U.S. prisons is doubling every ten years, and at the same time prisoners are being left with fewer and fewer resources to get by with—both in and out of prison. Funding for the few job training programs, library resources, educational projects that once existed has been cut in the Reagan/Bush era; warehousing/neglect/ongoing abuse of prisoners is an accurate description of present conditions. Prisoners need access to people on the outside both to check the abuses of power that happen within the system and to gain tools with which to survive after their incarceration.

For further information:

Linda Thurston or William Gaul at AFSC, 10 Putnam St, Roxbury, Ma. 02119. Tel # 442-9563

Mike Riegle, Gay Community News Prisoner Project, 62 Berkely St., Boston, Ma. 02116. Tel # 426-4469

Prison Book Program, 92 Green St., Jamaica Plain, Ma. 02130, Info: Mike at GCN: 426-4469

Resources

- *Kind and Usual Punishment: The Prison Business* by Jessica Mitford. Contains chapters on what counts as "crime", drug experimentation on prisoners, "constitutional" slave (forced, unpaid) labor (read your 13th amendment again) and more.
- *Instead of Prisons: A prison abolitionist's handbook* by Fay Honey Knopp
- *The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison: Ideology, Class and Criminal Justice* by Jeffrey Reimian. How the criminal justice business (like the war business) is designed to be inadequate and to need to expand; the greater death and destruction in "white collar" crime, but the greater attention paid to "common, street crime".
- *Outlook on Justice: Bimonthly publication of the AFSC Justice Program*, which works mainly in Massachusetts to end prison violence and assure the rights of prisoners.
- *Assatta: An Autobiography*, by Assatta Shakur
- *Soledad Brother*, by George Jackson

Politicization efforts directed towards the Ramps are never wasted. You may not be able to gauge the extent of your effectiveness, but there's an influence on the recipients that far outweighs any value (\$) one can put on it. I've never run across a revolutionary work yet that was intentionally mishandled by its possessor (captives, that is). Over the years, I've run across old works yellowed and dog-eared, pages brittle from the inevitable results of time, that were carefully wrapped, archival-like, and jealously guarded by the owner. Some of the rarer ones (e.g. *Blood In My Eye*, *Tricontinental* magazines) are seldom loaned out unless the Brother knows it'll be taken care of. More importantly, the knowledge gained from exposure to progressive revolutionary writings sticks with a man (or woman, for that matter) long after his/her release. In many cases, I'm sure these folk retain an affinity for the Forces of Progress that'll never die. If it doesn't seem like politicization activities are doing any good, it's only an illusion.

There are veteran elements and new people just stepping into the overall level of consciousness which should have a positive effect on matters outside the walls. After all, the struggle is one, whether inside or out, domestically and internationally. one. It requires recognition of this unity and sense enough to know that the ultimate objects of our extreme dissatisfaction are the same for all of us.

In Struggle,

Mateen (Michael E. Garnett #36485-118)

Dear GCN,

I am a woman who has been imprisoned within the barbed wire fences of MCI Framingham on and off for several years. I have been controlled by the "correctional system" for a while, and I have been controlled by the larger system all of my life.

one of the major things I see happening here at Framingham is a lack of unity of inmates with other inmates and, more importantly, of women with other women. This apathy was initiated and perpetuated by the Administration.

Racism and sexism permeate the entire institution—from who gets classified out of here to who does or does not get sent to Max [Maximum security]. Definite consideration and leniency are directed to white women. Black and Spanish women have to deal with the inadequacies and frustration of the Administration, which comes through as fear, hatred and discrimination.

The Administration uses women's fears of losing parole, being sent to Max, getting D-Reports as tools to stop women from voicing their objections to any institutional policy.

Consequently, because of fear of reprisal, the inmate population divides itself on every basis—including color, access to money, type of crime, drug use, or religion. We argue among ourselves over petty things like the kitchen, the telephone, or the washing machine instead of trying to unite ourselves against the treatment that really hurts us.

The institution loves to see a racially motivated incident so they can first, punish; second, admonish; and last, feel pleased that women are fighting among themselves. They are dependent on "reliable informant information" and, at the same time, say they have no use for informers. The technique of divide and conquer not only works, but is alive and well here at MCI Framingham.

The system is hypocritical and bigoted and is, itself, the biggest reason for the high rate of recidivism [return to prison]. Incorporated in this sick mentality is a condescending attitude towards women criminals and, I feel, towards women in general.

Women inmates say they realize what the system is really all about, and yet we act just the opposite. We treat each other with hate instead of directing that hate to our real enemy. There are common factors among all of us who are incarcerated here. We are all prisoners, we are all women, and we have all been—and continue to be—pawns for the prison "business" and victims of the power structure to which it adheres.

When we all recognize our common denominator and stop feeding into the lies and hypocrisy, we will be able to stand together and effect some kind of change. Until then, the struggle goes on.

Sincerely,

A "committed" inmate

This letter is from the "Supplement on Women and Prison" (essays and poems on politics, relationships and health), which is available for FREE by writing Gay Community News, 62 Berkeley St, Boston, Ma. 02116

Sat 1 through April 23 **Looking at Militarism:** an exhibition of Morgia Kramer's work in residence at MIT List-Visual Arts Center. A mixed-media documentary project will investigate the ideology and practice of militarism. She will build an information environment which addresses the growth of local and national military projects. Visitors can follow the development and construction of the project and view the completed installation. **House of Weaponlessness** (Haus der Waffenlosigkeit) An exhibit of Felix Droese's dramatic arrangement of huge slabs of raw wood and monumental cutout paper silhouettes of human figures, animals and architecture. At the Wiesner Building, 20 Ames St., Cambridge (MIT Campus-Kendall Sq.) Info: 253-4680

April 1 through April 15, Fridays and Saturdays 7:00 and 9:00 pm Counterpoint Theatre presents **Dreaming With an AIDS Patient**, a dramatized dream series written and directed by Jon Lipsky; from a book by Jungian psychoanalyst, Robert Bosnak. At Counterpoint Theatre, 761 Harrison Ave, Boston (4 blocks from Boston City Hospital). Tix: \$12. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Boston AIDS Action Committee. Reservations: 330-8676

5:30 am **Forum on Levitation and Non-Violence.** The Pentagon is a heavy object. What would happen if we levitated it, but had our psychic energy disrupted while someone was wandering around underneath! All day forum will discuss this and other issues. Sponsored by Community Mobilization for Marxist Education. At 1161 Bow St, Cambridge. Info: 555-5614

8:00 am - 4:00 pm **Global Challenges for Education**, a conference at Endicott College in Beverly, Ma. Sponsored by Boston Educators for Social Responsibility. The *World Game* will be played. A multi-media experience in global problem solving and interdependence. \$65 member, \$80 non-member. Info: 492-8820

10:00 am to 5:00 pm **Lesbian and Gay Activism for the 1990's** a symposium sponsored by the Tufts Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Pride Month. At Tufts University, Medford. 10:00 am - 1:00 pm registration at Mayer Campus Center, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm symposium in Cabot Auditorium, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm free wine and cheese reception on the 7th floor of Cabot. 9:00 pm - 1:00 am Dance! in Macphie Pub. Performance by the United Fruit Company. Admission to dance is \$1.00, symposium admission \$5.00. Info: TLGBC office at 381-3580

10:00 am to 4:15 pm **Latino Art: A Growing Force**, The conference will be conducted in English. Translation will be available. Topics include: setting the stage: Latin America in Context, Theater As An Arena for Social Change, The Boston Scene. Free. At the Villa Victoria, 85 West Newton St, Boston

10:30 am to 3:00 pm **Workshop on Socially Responsible Investment** for the New England War Tax Resisters' escrow fund and individual members. This program will include presentations by groups currently receiving investments from the escrow fund and by community groups seeking investments. At the Friends Center, 5 Longfellow Pk., Cambridge. Please bring a bag lunch, beverages provided. \$3 donation. Info: NE/WTR at 731-6139

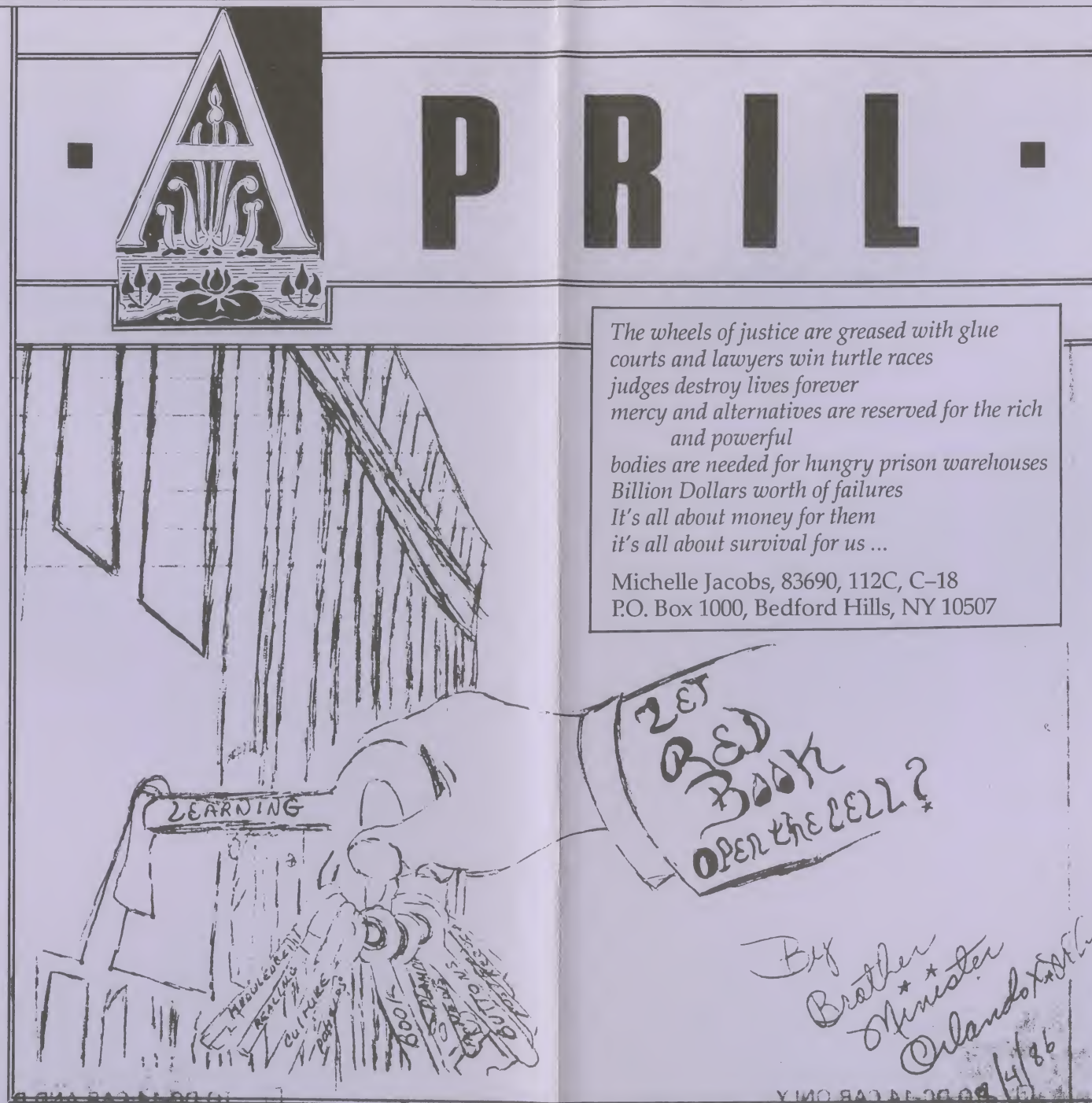
7:30 pm **Dance Party** at St. Mary's Church in Cambridge (Norfolk St.) with Orchestra El Salvador. Tix \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. Sponsored by Centro Presente. Info: 497-9080

8:00 pm **Proto Proto:** The surreal language of San Francisco poet James Paul is fused to theatre's dance/performance in this new piece. A Mass. Council "New Works" project, *Proto Proto* culminates two months of Paul incognito inside the Boston business community. Paul's text forces us to recognize our personal absurdities, transforming *Proto Proto* into an odd, funny, jarring event. At the Performance Place (at the Elizabeth Peabody House), 277 Broadway, Somerville. Tix: \$10, \$6 students at Bostix, Ticketron and Ticketmaster. For reservations, call 623-5510

8:00 pm **Dance Umbrella presents Tour de Fuerza: Nuevo Latino Dance and Performance.** Performance artist Carmelita Tropicana (Cuba) will present "Candela", a multi-media performance work in collaboration with Uzi Parnes and Ela Troyano. Eva Gasteazoro (Nicaragua) and Tony Gillotte have created a dance theater work entitled "melba" in collaboration with Yolanda Blanco. David Zambrano will present his solo dance entitled "Fetiché". At Mass. College of Art, Tower Auditorium, 621 Huntington Ave, Boston. Info: 492-7578

8:30 pm to 11:30 pm **Amethyst Present: Square Dance Caller Cindy Green with The Poodles**, live music. No partners necessary. All levels welcome. This is a drug and alcohol free event for alcoholic lesbians and their women friends. All women who enjoy a drug and alcohol free space are welcome and encouraged to attend. \$5 more or less. At 7 Temple St, Cambridge

Sun 2 11:15 am **Service and presentation from Survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki** at Greenwood Memorial United Methodist Church, 380 Washington St, Dorchester. Info: Fitz John: 825-5692



Fri 7 noon **First event in the 20th anniversary commemoration and reunion of the 1969 Harvard Strike and building occupation.** Rally on the steps of University Hall, focusing on current Harvard political concerns—divestment from South Africa, minority hiring, Harvard's unions, women's issues, etc. Many current Harvard groups will take part along with Strike veterans.

7:15 pm to 9:30 pm **J.P. Scores for Nicaragua's Kids.** 3rd Annual Basketball game featuring the local legend, "Inches from Glory" announcer, "Johnny Least" Demeter, music and refreshments. Join us for a good time while contributing to education projects in Nicaragua. At J.P. High School Gym. \$4 adult, 50¢ child, maximum \$6 family. Sponsored by the Jamaica Plain Committee on Central America. Info: 522-7124

7:30 pm **Teach-in on the 1969 Harvard Strike** with many Strike leaders and participants taking part. Part of the 20th anniversary commemoration and reunion of the 1969 Harvard Strike and building occupation. At the Forum room in the Kennedy School of Government, JFK St, Cambridge.

7:30 pm **The Developing Countries and the International Debt Crises**, speaker, Fernando Martinez. \$3 donation. At the Center for Marxist Education, 550 Mass. Ave, Cambridge. Info: 868-5620

8:00 pm **Feminism Meets Nationalism: The Role of Women in the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict.** Talk with Reena Bernards who recently returned from an international conference on feminism held in Jerusalem where she talked extensively with Israeli and Palestinian women. Sponsored by Black Rose. At MIT room 66-110, Cambridge. Info: 524-0781

8:00 pm **An Enchanted Evening with Storyteller Susan Warner.** At the

Wed 12 5:30 pm **Economic Policy and Peaceful Change** A talk by Carmine Gorga, an economist and President of Polis-tics, Inc. At the Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston (Ruggles/ Museum stop on the Arborway branch of the Green Line). Sponsored by the New England Institute for Peace. Info: 354-5811

5:30 pm cocktails, 7:00 pm dinner **41st Annual Roosevelt Day Dinner.** Keynote Speaker, Jim Hightower, populist Texas commissioner of Agriculture. Americans for Democratic Action will honor the Harvard Union of Technical and Clerical Workers (Kris Rhondeau), the Vote No on Question 2 Campaign (Arthur Osborn), Health Care For All (Susan Sherry), and *Eyes on the Prize* (Callie Crossley). Tickets: \$50/person. Sponsored by ADA at the Hines Convention Center, main ball room, Boylston St, Boston. Info: 482-3648

7:00 pm **Organizing on the Front Lines: Eight Years in San Salvador's Shanty Towns.** Leonardo Hidalgo, community organizer and leader from San Salvador's shanty towns will speak. At OCBC, 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. Sponsored by the El Salvador Committee of CASA and NECAN, Info: 492-8699 or 491-4205

Thurs 13 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm **Gender Discrimination, Politics and Constitutional Law**, a talk by Cass Sunstein, professor of law and political science at the University of Chicago. Sponsored by the MIT Program in Women's Studies. At Room E-38-615, 292 Main St, Cambridge (MIT Press building). Part of Women in Politics Series. Info: 253-8844

7:30 pm **Dr. Oscar Orellana** will speak. Vice-president of the FMLN's Human Rights secretariat. At Pound Hall, Room 201 Harvard Law School. Sponsored by the El Salvador Committee of CASA and NECAN, Info: 492-8699 or 491-4205

7:30 pm **Victor Perlo**, author of *Super Profits and Crises in the U.S. Economy* will speak at the Center for Marxist Education, 550 Mass. Ave, Cambridge. \$3 donation. Info: 868-5620

Mon 17 noon **Remember Tax Day:** vigil at the JFK Federal Building, Government Center, Boston.

7:00 pm **Lesbian Rights Task Force Meeting** at Boston NOW's office on 971 Commonwealth Ave. Boston. Info: 782-1056

7:30 pm **Reception for MA. Socorro I. "Cookie" Diokno**, secretary general of the Philippines Anti-bases Coalition and a leader in the Free Legal Assistance group, the regional council on human rights in Asia and the Philippine Health Professionals for Health and Human Rights. \$5 donation At the Friends' Center, 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge. Sponsored by the Philipe Forum, Friends of the Filipino People, and AFSC. Info: 864-5638

Tues 18 8:00 pm **Sources of Vision and Hope: How We Keep On Keeping On:** a dialogue with Rosemarie Harding, freedom movement leader and Howard Zinn, historian and playwright. Sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, Mobilization for Survival, and Peace Action. At Arlington St. Church, 351 Boylston St, Boston. Info: AFSC at 661-6130

Wed 19 7:00 pm **Lesbian Rights Task Force meeting** at Boston NOW's office on 971 Commonwealth Ave, Boston. Info: 782-1056

Thurs 20 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm **Dr. Marcelino Dos Santos**, President of the People's Assembly in Mozambique and poet will speak and show slides. \$3.00 donation. At Roxbury Community College, 1234 Columbus Ave, Lecture Room 121 in the Academic Building. Sponsored by the Mozambique Support Network and the MNCAA. Info: 427-8218

Fri 21 **Yanria Corea** a Salvadorean activist who was kidnapped and raped by a death squad in Los Angeles and is now a representative of the Union of Salvadorean Women, the FMLN's women's organization, will speak. Time and place to be announced. Info: CASA 492-8699

7:30 pm **The U.S. Budget Crisis** a talk with Professor John Parsons, MIT at the Center for Marxist Education, 550 Mass. Ave, Cambridge. \$3 donation. Info: 868-5620

8:00 pm **Older Women's Writing Night.** Featured writings and open readings by older women. Women of all ages invited! At the Women's Coffeehouse, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807

Sat 22 **Alexander Cockburn** will speak. Time and place to be announced. Info: CASA at 492-8699

Self Esteem in Women: Thriving in Midlife: a day-long forum, sponsored by the Midlife: Options for Women and Pine Manor Continuing Education Programs. Workshops include: Work and Education, Finance, and Housing Alternatives. Pine Manor, Chestnut Hill. Cost including lunch: \$45-\$55. Scholarship help available. Info: 731-2700

5:00 pm to 8:00 pm **Join in honoring Dr. Marcelino Dos Santos** poet and President of the People's Assembly in Mozambique. At the Museum of the National Center of African-American Artists, 300 Walnut Ave, Roxbury. Music, Entertainment and Refreshments. Co-sponsored by the Mozambique Support Network and the MNCAA. Free. Info: 427-8218

Mon 24 7:00 pm **Economic Equity Task Force Meeting** at Boston NOW's office on 971 Commonwealth Ave, Boston. Info: 782-1056

Tues 25 noon **Equality, Difference and Reproductive Rights** Wendy Kaminer, speaker. Conference Room, Murray Research Center, Radcliffe Yard. Info: 495-8140

Wed 26 3:30 pm **Towards a Comparative History of the Arab States under Mandate, 1920-1948**, Mary Wilson, speaker. Bunting Colloquium Series, Gilman Room, Agassiz House, Radcliffe Yard. Info: 495-8212

Thurs 27 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm **Generations of Struggle: Historical Perspectives on Race, Gender and Trade Unions in South Africa**, a talk by Iris Berger, professor of history at the State University of New York-Albany. Part of the Women in Politics Series. Sponsored by the MIT Program in Women's Studies. At room 66-360 on 25 Ames St, MIT campus, Cambridge. Info: 253-8844

Fri 28 **Cross the Canada-Vermont border with Nicaraguan goods** to demand the end to the U.S. trade embargo against Nicaragua. Civil Disobedience, crossing the border. Legal supporters are needed. Info: Anne at NECAN: 491-4205

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2:00 pm **Dance Umbrella presents *Tour de Fuerza: Nuevo Latino Dance and Performance***. See April 1 listing.

7:00 pm **The 40,000 pounds of powdered milk and other hurricane relief has been distributed in Nicaragua**. See Nicaraguan TV footage of Hurricane Joan and architect drawings and scale model of the health center to be built this summer by Brookline Sister City Project and Vecino in Brookline's sister city of Quezალquaque. Hear about the sawmill that Architects And Planners In Support of Nicaragua (APSNICA) is building to make use of trees felled by the hurricane. At the Puppet Showplace, 32 Station St., Brookline Village. Co-sponsored by Brookline-Quezალquaque Sister City Project and APSNICA. Nicaraguan coffee and refreshments provided by Tuesday's Ice Cream

Mon 3 6:00 pm social hour, 7:00 pm dinner **Authentic Japanese Buffet Dinner** at the Children's Museum, Boston. Presentations by Survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Guest speaker, George Wald, Professor Emeritus of Biology, Harvard University. Benefit to support the New England Tour for the Survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki (March 30-April 16). Info: Rhiana Levy (508) 369-0148

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm **Tax Resistance Clinics**: learn how you can join with other non-payers and stop putting your tax dollars into war, weapons and intervention. At the Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston St, 3rd floor. Sponsored by the New England War Tax Resistance. Info: 731-6139 ☿

Tues 4 7:00 pm **Organizing meeting for the April 9 March for Women's Lives** in Washington D.C. At Boston NOW's offices on 971 Commonwealth Ave. Boston. Info: 782-1056

8:00 pm **Engines of the Changing Order: Soviet Union and Europe, Japan and the Pacific Rim**. Part of a dialogue series. With Bob Borsage, Institute for Policy Studies and Foreign Issues Advisor to Jackson '88, and Walden Bello, co-author of "American LAke" and senior analyst for Food First. At Arlington St. Church, 351 Boylston St, Boston. \$5 donation. Sponsored by AFSC, Mobilization for Survival and Peace Action. Info: 661-6130

Wed 5 5:45 dinner, 7:00 speakers **The Economic Basis for Peace**: a public policy forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts. Speakers: Barney Schwalberg, professor of economics, Brandeis University and the Russian Institute of Harvard University, Pam Solo, co-director, Institute of Peace and International Security, Roger Brinner, group vice-president and chief economist, DRI-McGraw Hill. Tix: \$20 forum, \$10 dinner. At Polaroid Corporation, 300 Fifth Ave (facing Rte. 128) Waltham.

7:00 pm **Open House at the National Organization for Women**. At 971 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. Info: 782-1056

7:00 pm **Presentation from Survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki** at Harvard Divinity School, Sperry Room in Andover Hall on 45 Francis Ave., Cambridge. Info: Peter Chandler: 628-7004

7:30 pm **Presentation from Survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki** at the Margaret Clapp Library lecture room, Wellesley College, Wellesley. Sponsored by the Peace Studies Program. Info: Jean Proctor 235-0320 x 2199

Thurs 6 4:00 pm (5:30 pm reception, 7:30 pm dinner) **Press conference with survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki** at Boston University, Marsh Chapel. The group will answer questions about their experiences and why they are in the U.S. Info: Rhiana Levy (508) 369-0148 or Jep Streit 277-5523

7:00 pm **Reproductive Rights Task Force Meeting** at Boston NOW's office on 971 Commonwealth Ave. Boston. Info: 782-1056

7:00 pm **Organizing meeting for the April 9 March For Women's Lives in Washington DC**. at Boston NOW's offices, 971 Commonwealth Av, Boston. Info: 782-1056

7:30 pm **Marxism and Religion**: a workshop co sponsored by the Community Church of Boston and the Center for Marxist Education. At the Community Church of Boston, 565 Boylston St, Boston. Info: 868-5620 or 266-6710

At the Forum in the Kennedy School of Government, JFK St, Cambridge.

7:30 pm **The Developing Countries and the International Debt Crises**, speaker, Fernando Martinez. \$3 donation. At the Center for Marxist Education, 550 Mass. Ave, Cambridge. Info: 868-5620

8:00 pm **Feminism Meets Nationalism: The Role of Women in the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**. Talk with Reena Bernards who recently returned from an international conference on feminism held in Jerusalem where she talked extensively with Israeli and Palestinian women. Sponsored by Black Rose. At MIT room 66-110, Cambridge. Info: 524-0781

8:00 pm **An Enchanted Evening with Storyteller Susan Warner**. At the Women's Coffeehouse at the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ☿

8:00 pm **I Know About the Life** Semanya McCord's tribute to Billie Holiday. Archie Schepp is special guest artist in this cabaret setting. At the Villa Victoria cultural center, 85 West Newton St, Boston. Tix available at Strawberries and Ticketron outlets and Greater Boston Youth at Risk program office, 77 Warren St. Brighton (783-2200) Proceeds to benefit Greater Boston Youth at Risk Program. \$15 single, \$25 couples. Info: Hemisphere Associates: 776-9616

Sat 8 8:30 am - 5:30 pm **Women Confronting Violence: Action and Analysis**. New England Women's Studies Association, 13th Annual Conference. Admission: \$20, \$6 low-income. At the U.Mass./Boston harbor campus. Info: 662-0417

9:00 am to 5:00 pm, 8:00 am registration. **State of the Neighborhood Convention: A Stronger Voice, A Better Boston**. A day-long gathering of concerned citizens, community groups and housing activists to strategize neighborhood empowerment. Breakfast and lunch provided. \$10, \$5 low-income. Sponsored by the Center for Community Action, Coalition for Community Control of Development, and Episcopal City Mission. At Mass. College of Art, 621 Huntington Ave, Boston. Info: State of the Neighborhoods Convention: 424-10165

1:00 pm to 1:00 am **Give Peace a Dance**: a twelve hour dance festival and pledge event to benefit organizations working on peace and justice issues. Music from Room Full of Blues, Ibrahim's World Beat and Diversity. Join MC Chic Streetman, DJs from WBCN and WILD and many other exciting performers. At Hynes Convention Center Ballroom, 900 Boylston St, 3rd Floor, Boston. Info: Peace Action at 868-5259

Sun 9 **March for Women's Equality and Women's Lives** in Washington D.C. Keep abortion and birth control safe, legal and funded. Demand women's equality. Pass the Equal Rights Amendment. Join us on April 10 to lobby on Capitol Hill for the ERA and against anti-abortion legislation. Buses will leave Boston Saturday evening sponsored by Boston NOW. \$40/person, round trip (subsidies available). Call the March hotline for information and alternative transportation: 782-4059 or 787-4393.

Mon 10 7:00 pm **Housing Development in Jamaica Plain for People With Aids**: Find out more about AIDS and how it is affecting our community. Learn why housing for people with AIDS must be a priority. Be part of the planning process. Speakers: Rhoda Johnson, AIDS Community Liaison for the Department of Health and Hospitals, Robert Greenwald, AIDS Action Committee. At the J.P. Multi-Cultural Arts Center, 659 Centre St., Jamaica Plain. Info: AIDS Action Committee 437-6200, AIDS Law Clinic of Jamaica Plain 522-3003 and City Life/Vida Urbana 524-3541

Tues 11 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm **CPPAX Forum on Social Justice** featuring presentations on women's rights, individual justice, other issues on Beacon Hill. Free. At UMASS/Downtown, 100 Arlington St, Boston. Info: 426-3040

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm **Loves Herself Regardless**: a continuing program with workshops for African American women committed to and working on the survival of African American community and culture. Share your thoughts, feelings, spirit and energy! Preliminary reading is *Beloved* by Toni Morrison. Sponsored by the Women's Theological Center at 400 The Fenway, Boston (Emmanuel College Campus). \$25 for six consecutive Tuesday sessions. Info: 277-1330

7:00 pm **Reproductive Rights Task Force meeting** at Boston NOW's office on 971 Commonwealth Ave, Boston. Info: 782-1056

from San Salvador's shanty towns will speak. At OCBC, 711 Mass. Ave., Cambridge. Sponsored by the El Salvador Committee of CASA and NECAN, Info: 492-8699 or 491-4205

Thurs 13 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm **Gender Discrimination, Politics and Constitutional Law**, a talk by Cass Sunstein, professor of law and political science at the University of Chicago. Sponsored by the MIT Program in Women's Studies. At Room E-38-615, 292 Main St, Cambridge (MIT Press building). Part of Women in Politics Series. Info: 253-8844

7:30 pm **Dr. Oscar Orellana** will speak. Vice-president of the FMLN's Human Rights secretariat. At Pound Hall, Room 201 Harvard Law School. Sponsored by the El Salvador Committee of CASA and NECAN. Info: 492-8699 or 491-4205

Fri 14 **Mark Sommer** co-author with Harry Hollins and Averill Powers of *Conquest of War* will speak at the Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies, 2001 Beacon St, Brookline. Info: 734-4216

5:00 pm **Memorial for Homeless People** who have died over the 1988-1989 winter. Food served on Boston Common, Theatre by Underground Railway, Music, cots and blankets for sleepout on Common. See April 15 listing for more info.

7:00 pm **Benefit Dance for Survivors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki's** New England Tour (March 30 - April 16) featuring New Orleans Jazz Band. At Maynard Elks, 34 Powder Mill Rd., Rte. 62, Maynard, Ma. Come Celebrate our common efforts towards creating peace. Come swing to the unique rhythm of the Dixieland beat and come for inspirational and informal socializing. \$10 in advance, \$12 at door. Sponsored by Thousand Folded Cranes, Messengers for Peace, Social Workers for Peace, and Nuclear Disarmament of Massachusetts. Info: Rhiana Levy (508) 369-0148

8:00 pm **Urban Folk Music with Original Singer and Songwriter, Lori Goldsmith**. At the Women's Coffeehouse, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ☿

Sat 15 9:00 pm to 5:00 pm **Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Parents and Children Conference**. Keynote Speakers: Julio Morales, gay father, professor, School of Social Work, U.Conn., and Cindy Rizzo, Lesbian co-parent, President of GLAD (Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders). Sponsors include: Hartford Feminist Library, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Alliance, U.Conn. School of Social Work, Women's Center, Storrs Campus U.Conn., Ct. Gay and Lesbian Coalition for Civil Rights, Ct. Women's Education and Legal Fund, Yaliesbians, Hartford Women's Center. Donation: \$5, \$10, \$15, \$25, lunch \$5/person. At U.Conn. School of Social Work, 1800 Asylum Ave, W. Hartford, Ct. Info: Christine: (203) 525-2596

9:00 am to 5:30 pm **Writing for Love and Money**, a conference for New England writers. Keynote Speaker- Marilyn French. NWU members, seniors and full time students: \$35, non-members \$45. at the Kennedy School of Government, 79 JFK St, Harvard Sq, Cambridge. Sponsored by the National Writers Union. Info: 628-8224

10:00 am - 4:00 pm **Recovering Ourselves and Our Communities**: A day-long conference/health fair. Through workshops and speakers, this program will explore the process of healing and recovering ourselves physically, mentally, and spiritually as well as our process for recovering our communities structurally. Join for a day of fun and exploration. The morning session will focus on individual health issues and the afternoon will make political connections to larger issues. Sponsored by the Women's Theological Center and the Feminist Liberation Theology and Ministry program at the Episcopal Divinity School, Sherrill Hall, 99 Brattle St., Cambridge. Info: 277-1330

12:00 noon **Tax Day Protest for Homes Not Bombs** at the Boston Common. Meals served on Boston Common all day. **Pentagon Auction**: Underground Railway Theater. Rally and teach-in. Evening concert followed by sleepout on common. Sponsored by Homes Not Bombs Tax Day Coalition. Initiators: Jobs With Peace, Massachusetts Freeze, Home Front '89, New England War Tax Resisters, Housing Now, Underground Railway Theater. Info: Timothy at 451-3389 or Tom at 492-3683

Sun 16 **Breakfast Party for Tax Day Protest for Homes Not Bombs**. Ecumenical service and march to BU armory shelter to protest seasonal closure of emergency shelters. Times to be announced. See April 15 listing for more info.

3:00 pm to 7:00 pm **15th Birthday Party for New Words Bookstore**, 186 Hampshire St, Cambrige. Also, on April 15th and 16th, New Words will have a 15th Birthday Party Sale: 20% off all stock

Agassiz House, Radcliffe Yard. Info: 495-8212

Thurs 27 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm **Generations of Struggle: Historical Perspectives on Race, Gender and Trade Unions in South Africa**, a talk by Iris Berger, professor of history at the State University of New York-Albany. Part of the Women in Politics Series. Sponsored by the MIT Program in Women's Studies. At room 66-360 on 25 Ames St, MIT campus, Cambridge. Info: 253-8844

Fri 28 **Cross the Canada-Vermont border with Nicaraguan goods** to demand the end to the U.S. trade embargo against Nicaragua. Civil Disobedience, crossing the border. Legal supporters are needed. Info: Anne at NECAN: 491-4205

6:00 pm **Annual Testimonial Dinner of the National Lawyers Guild, Massachusetts Chapter**. Honoring Jamie Ann Sabino for her work defending abortion rights. At the Averof Restaurant in Porter Sq. Cambridge. Tix: \$30. Info & reservations: 227-7335

7:30 pm **Literary reading by Ninotchka Rosca**, internationally acclaimed Phillipine novelist and writer. Ms. Rosca is one of the Phillipine's most respected writers and author of *State of War, Bitter Country and other stories, The Monsoon Collection, End Game, and The Fall of Marcos*. Free At MIT room 6-120, Cambridge. Sponsored by Amnesty International MIT Group and the MIT Filipino Group. Info: 253-7826 or 225-9550

8:00 pm **Join us for a great evening of music and song!** Featuring Janet Schmetz. You are welcome to bring your instruments and voices as well! At the Women's Coffeehouse, Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St, Cambridge. Info: 354-8807 ☿

8:00 pm **Popular Movements in Mexico**. Talk with Monty Neil, John Willshire Carrera, Hugo Aboites. Monty Neil and John Willshire Carrera are members of the Midnight Notes Collective which publicizes Midnight Notes, and independant Marxist journal. Hugo Aboites is a professor and faculty union organizer from the Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana in Mexico City. Sponsored by Black Rose. At room 9-150, MIT, 105 Mass Ave, Cambridge. Info: 524-0781

Sat 29 **March on Washington: No more cutbacks, poverty, racism, militarism and intervention!** Demand money for people, not for the banks and Pentagon! We won't take four more years! We must stop the attacks of the Bush administration now and demand what was taken back during the Reagan years. Bus tickets are \$35 and a \$5 donation is requested for transportation funds. Info: March on Washington/Campaign for a People's Fightback at 424-1176

5:30 pm **Mayday Banquet for the People's Daily World** at Roxbury Community College, 1234 Columbus Ave. \$16 per person, \$30 for two. Childcare provided with food program. Keynote speaker: Gus Newport, executive director of Dudley St. Neighborhood Initiative, co-chair of the U.S. Peace Council and former mayor of Berkeley, Ca. Newsmaker awards will be given to: Massachusetts Jackson for President Campaign, Harvard Technical and Clerical Union, Hotel Workers, Coalition for Palestinian Rights and Veterans for Peace in Central America Convoy. Info: 868-6002

7:30 **Heather Bishop in concert with Ann Reed Paine Hall**, Harvard Music Building, behind the Science Center. Sponsored by Revolutionary Acts. Tix: \$13.50-\$14.50 Info: 661-1252

8:00 pm **Party! Fundraiser for the Women's Convoy and the Quezალquaque, Nicaragua Health Center** being built in Nicaragua in June and July 1989 by the Brookline-Quezალquaque Sister City Project and Vecino. At 34 Greenough St. Brookline (Brookline Hills T Stop - Near Brookline High School). Tickets: \$5

Women's Action for Nuclear Disarmament begin their campaign for May 14 being declared Mothers' Day for Peace 1989. Wear and share a Mum for Mom. "Because children ask the world of us" is their message. The campaign centers on local peace, social justice and human services groups organizing events in their communities in celebration of Mothers' Day for Peace.

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